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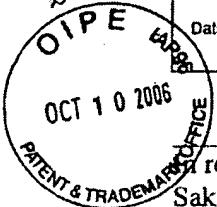
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For: IMPROVED RETRACTABLE NEEDLE  
SINGLE USE SAFETY SYRINGE

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### AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312

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#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to issuance of the patent, applicant respectfully requests entry on this amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 for the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.